

## THE FUTURE OF TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT: INTERACTIONS WITH GENEVA'S YOUTH

Virtual – 12h00-13h30 CET

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This event is being organized in the context of "Trade and Environment Week 2020". It will be held on Zoom.

The health of our planet is at risk! The challenges are many and inter-related: air and water pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change and plastic waste, to name a few. Trade is sometimes a part of the problem but can also be a part of the solution.

We - the trade community around the World Trade Organization - know that the youth is well aware of the ecological challenges that the world is facing. And young people also have ideas and opinions on how to tackle these problems. Thus, the Permanent Missions of Barbados and Germany with the support of the Trade and Environment Division of the WTO have taken an initiative to interact with the youth in Geneva.

We are inviting you, students from schools in Geneva, to take part in a forward-looking dialogue on ideas and actions to help both the environment and the economy. This initiative is aimed at giving you an opportunity to engage with the trade and environment community at the international level, to share your aspirations, your questions – and ideas, big or small – they all count. This is a first step. Help us find sustainable solutions for the future!

1. **Ambassadors:** Two Ambassadors to the World Trade Organization will provide the background to the event and share their perspectives on the role of young people in international discussions taking place in Geneva.
  - **Mr. Chad Blackman**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the WTO and Chair of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment
  - **Ms. Bettina Waldmann**, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Representative of Germany to the WTO
2. **Students:** Short presentations on the problem of plastic waste from the German School of Geneva, followed by Institut Florimont on the topic "Trade in Goods: Finding solutions for clean transport?"
3. **Entrepreneur:** A short presentation by Brianna Kerr, Director and Head of Impact at Kua, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
4. **Students:** Questions and comments on the entrepreneur's presentation
5. **WTO:** Wrap up and conclusion

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